

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/308,478

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

WEVER ET AL.

Art Unit

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's letter received on 25 June 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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***Allowance of Application # 09/308,478***

1. The following communication is in response to applicant's letter received on 25-June 2001, in which applicant requested consideration of a Preliminary Amendment received on 17-May-1999. This was in response to the first action mailed on 24-May-2001, in which the previous examiner did not consider the timely filed Preliminary Amendment.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. The instant application is directed to a non-obvious improvement over the invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,031,979, issued to Hachiya, the improvement comprising a method for partitioning an electrical circuit, wherein the electrical circuit is imaged onto a graph that exhibits the same topology of the electrical circuit. The edges of the graph are weighted with weighting values that describe an approximately required calculating outlay for determining electrical descriptive quantities for the element of the electrical circuit respectively represented by the edge. A partition for the electrical circuit is formed in the graph in that edges coupled with one another are combined to form the partition at the beginning of the method until the sum of the weighting values of the combined edges is greater than a first, prescribable threshold. When the first threshold is reached, the partition is then respectively expanded by further remaining edges when the sum of the weighting values of all edges, including the edges to be potentially newly added, is smaller than a prescribable second threshold, and when the plurality of edges of the partition that are connected to nodes that do not lie within the partition is

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reduced by the addition of at least one new edge. This patentable distinction is included in independent claim no. 1. The art of record, either individually or in combination, fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious the useful, concrete and tangible <partitioning of an electrical circuit> having the corresponding structure which is disclosed in the specification and equivalents thereof at least at page 4, line 28 through page 10, line 25, and Figures 1-2. In view of the foregoing, the claims of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior art.

### ***Response Guidelines***

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should clearly be labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

#### **3.1 Any response to the Examiner in regard to this allowance should be**

**directed to:** Russell Frejd, telephone number (571) 272-3779, Monday-Friday from 0530 to 1400 ET, **or** the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah, telephone number (571) 272-2279. Inquires of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group Receptionist (571) 272-2100.

**mailed to:** Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**or faxed to:** (571) 273-8300

*Hand-delivered responses should be brought to the Customer Service Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.*

Date: 28-November-2005

  
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